

solid waste introduced into the feed chute towards the rotatable flail structure when the apparatus is in use.

9(Amended). An apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the top chute portion comprises an adjustable back plate which is hinged to the bottom chute portion and capable of independent movement relative to the bottom chute portion about the hinge.

14(Amended). A waste processing system wherein the bag splitting apparatus is an apparatus according to claim 2.

15(Amended). A waste processing system wherein the wet separator apparatus is an apparatus according to claim 10.

16(Amended). A waste processing system according to claim 13 wherein the bag splitting apparatus is positioned in close proximity to the surface of the liquid in the separator tank such that any bags that are not split as they pass through the bag splitter apparatus but float on the surface of the liquid in the separator tank are maintained in contact with the rotatable flail structure.